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Notes from UHRC Policy Group Meeting, 1/17

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Thanks for participating in last Thursday's UHRC Policy Group meeting.

We discussed the following:

UHRC Operations:

- Due to the 2019 Homeless Count, the Mayor's Office has suspended comprehensive cleanups this week; LA Sanitation will be conducting spot cleaning only for CSLA and Rapid Response locations.
- The UHRC continued its operations from 7am to 5pm, Monday - Friday.
- The UHRC coordinated an operation at City Hall East / Civic Center Plaza in advance of a FilmLA permit issued to NBCUniversal prohibiting anyone from staying in the Plaza from 3pm on Thursday through 9am on Saturday. The Mayor's Office, LAHSA, and LAPD Central HOPE officers deployed to the location. LAHSA was able to place 10 individuals in shelter or crisis housing. There were no arrests, no citations, and no uses of force.

Discussion of UHRC Goals and Metrics:

- The UHRC Policy Group continued its metrics discussion. The proposed metrics have been updated according to last Thursday's discussion, and are attached here.
- The UHRC Policy Group also discussed a mission statement and proposed goals for the UHRC. Attached is an initial draft mission statement and goals. (True to form, I started with a good acronym -- *HIGHER*, as in we strive to lift others and ourselves higher -- and then backed in our proposed goals and principles to fit the acronym. Judge for yourself how you think I did.)

Joint City/County Typhus Task Force:

- According to the LA County Department of Public Health, as of 12/31/18 there were a total of 39 typhus cases in the City, 15 of these cases were in DTLA. This represents a total increase of 8 cases citywide and an increase of 3 in the affected DTLA area. The 3 most recent DTLA cases had symptom onsets of 11/01/18, 11/23/18, and 12/03/18. One of the 3 new cases in DTLA was a person experiencing homelessness.
- BSS and LASAN continue to clean the expanded Operation Healthy Streets (OHS) Zone in DTLA.
- BSS metrics for DTLA:
 - Burrows dusted/treated = 427
 - Tree Wells treated = 343 (9 re-treated following week)
 - Burrows sealed with asphalt = 90
- City Hall
 - Burrows dusted/treated = 60

- Tree Wells treated = 114 (3 re-treated following week)
- Rodent stations deployed = 24

Joint City/County Opioid and Fentanyl-related Deaths Collaborative:

- No report.

Los Angeles Fire Department VHFHSZ Task Force:

- CM Blumenfield, CD3, introduced a motion directing the City Attorney to draft an ordinance updating the notice requirements for enforcement in the VHFHSZ. Motion attached.
- The Wildland-Urban Interface Hazard Mitigation Task Force will meet on Thurs., 1/31.

A Bridge Home - Focus Areas:El Puente / El Pueblo

- According to El Pueblo, a fourth client has been placed in permanent housing.
- The UHRC Policy Group discussed observations from group members that encampments were beginning to move to the south side of Arcadia and other parts of DTLA, including 1st Street, between Spring and Broadway. LAHSA will look into this issue.

Notes from the 1/10 UHRC Policy Group meeting are attached.

Please let me know if you have any questions, or if I have missed (or misstated) anything from the meeting.

Thanks so much!

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4 attachments

19-1-22 UHRC Metrics -- DRAFT.docx
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19-1-22 UHRC Mission Statement and Goals -- DRAFT.docx
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